CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: Erin Aleman

The Citizens' Advisory Committee met January 10, 2011. Committee members received updates on the Sustainable Communities Initiative Funding CMAP received from HUD and a description of the Local Technical Assistance Program; they were also given a brief demonstration of CMAP's new data portal MetroPulse; and updated on the CMAP committee reorganization plan. The committee discussed the specific recommendations to modify the focus of the CAC and reduce the membership. Committee members made some recommendations of how the committee could work in the future and will discuss these further at their final meeting on February 7, 2011. Committee members who wish to be considered for the new CAC must express their interest to Erin Aleman by their February meeting.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee had its final meeting on February 7, 2011. The committee discussed the importance of CMAP continuing to reach out to local communities and gave final thoughts on how the new iteration of the CAC could be most helpful to CMAP. The committee received a Certificate of Appreciation for their service throughout the GO TO 2040 planning process. CMAP anticipates that the new members will be selected and in place by spring 2011.

Economic Development

Staff Contact: Annie Byrne

On January 12, 2011 the CMAP Board approved changes to CMAP's committee structure to aid the implementation of GO TO 2040. As a result, the Economic and Community Development committee will now be known as the Economic Development committee. The committee's membership is currently being developed and will meet next on March 22, 2011.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on January 5. After updates on pending legislation, legislative priorities by members, the Local Technical Assistance program, and other initiatives, the committee held a discussion on its priorities for the year and its expected role now that GO TO 2040 is complete. That discussion is expected to continue at the next ENR meeting. Additional members with expertise in energy policy and programs will be added to the committee. The ENR meeting on February 2 was cancelled because of inclement weather; the next meeting is scheduled for March 2, at 9:30 am.

Housing

Staff Contact: Jill Leary

The Housing Committee met on January 20, 2011. The following presentations were made. CMAP staff gave an update on the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. The Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) gave an update of its "Homes for a Changing Region" work. Housing Action Illinois presented Housing Legislative Priorities. MetroStudy presented the results of its Year End Housing Market Survey. The committee meets next on February 17, 2011.



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Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services committee did not meet in December or January. The CMAP board approved changing the Human Services Committee to the Human and Community Development Community. The Staff liaison for this committee is now Drew Williams-Clark. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 14th.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Stephen Ostrander

The Land Use Committee met on January 19. Steve Friedman of S.B. Friedman & Company provided an overview of their analysis (prepared on behalf of CMAP) of the potential for value capture financing for transit improvements in the CMAP region. CMAP staff gave its legislative update, which included notice of an amendment to the Illinois Counties Code regarding stormwater management, proposed by the Center for Neighborhood Technology. Staff also introduced the online library of case studies currently being prepared by CMAP, which showcases best practices in action at the local level throughout the region; committee members provided feedback on the draft format being used for the presentation of each case study. A guided overview of MetroPulse was also given by staff. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2011.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee approved the amendment and administrative modifications to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010-15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The committee also approved the release of the semi-annual TIP/GO TO 2040 conformity analysis & TIP amendments for a 30 day public comment period from January 21, 2011 to February 22, 2011. An analysis of reasons for delay for CMAQ projects and the new CMAQ programming approach titled GO TO 2040 Focused Programming Approach were discussed. The local technical assistance program, which will give CMAP staff assistance to municipalities throughout the region with planning activities, will have recommended projects at the March meeting of the CMAP Board and work will commence after the selected projects have been approved. The Value Capture Study in northeastern Illinois (available at: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=924ec7e2-7b0e-46c0-a670-906cb3e6bc2e&groupId=20583) was presented by Steve Friedman of S.B. Friedman & Company. FY 2012 UWP priorities based on GO TO 2040 were discussed. The core project application process is currently open and will end February 25th. The discretionary funds application process will begin on February 25, 2010. The committee meets next on March 4, 2011.

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